

A CONFLUENCE OF HISTORY IN A COVINGTON ITALIANATE

This elegant Italianate's desirable address boasts fabulous views in all directions.

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Address: [420–422 Riverside Dr., Covington](#)

Price: \$899,900

For the first time in nearly four decades, a stunning Italianate steeped in Covington history is on the market. Known as 'The Pointe,' 420–422 Riverside Drive has maintained its enviable—and incredibly unique—position overlooking the confluence of the Ohio and Licking rivers since 1859. Its most notable owner was attorney Harvey Myers Sr., whom *The Kentucky Post* called "one of Kentucky's most brilliant legal lights."

It was through his legal advice that former slave Henrietta Wood successfully sued a Kentucky sheriff for kidnapping and enslavement (she was re-enslaved after securing her freedom). Though Myers was tragically killed before the case went to court, it became a turning point in restitution for slavery. After eight years of litigation, Wood emerged victorious and was awarded \$2,500 by a federal jury in 1878. Her triumph over oppressors is told in the Pulitzer-Prize winning account, *Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America* by W. Caleb McDaniel.



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In addition to its rich history, the home maintains a commanding presence from its prime perch. With classic curb appeal oozing from the elegant black and white exterior, its Italianate features remain in pristine condition. Additional details, like a wraparound brick wall and beautifully manicured landscaping, further enhance the sense of elegance.



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An earmark of Italianate design is tall, narrow windows. Here, the first floor is graced with floor-to-ceiling beauties that flood the main living spaces with natural light. They also provide a double whammy of enviable views—both water and skyline— that simply can't be beat. "With the house



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Due to its unique position on the corner, there's not a bad angle anywhere in the house. Having so many lovely vantage points create an immersive, peaceful atmosphere. One can easily imagine what those sights looked like in the home's heyday, when the river was abuzz with bustling barges of commerce, or development booming across the water.



feature an original fireplace (seven in all), with some even possessing two per room. There are numerous built-ins, ceiling medallions, and hardwood floors throughout the 3,768 square feet. In true old house fashion, this is not an open concept layout. Instead, the rooms flow comfortably from one to the next, and each possesses a sense of purpose. All three bedrooms are generously sized, with three-and-a-half bathrooms rounding out the count.



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There is a lovely front porch to be enjoyed on sunny days, with the Ohio River so close that it feels as if you can reach out and touch it. The surrounding area is storied and vibrant, with beautiful homes and compelling history. "It's one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in greater Cincinnati," says Weber.



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When a quieter, more intimate setting is desired, there are not one, but two, covered porches on the side of the house. Both look towards the Licking River, though the second floor offers a clearer line of sight. The solid bones of 420–422 Riverside Drive have allowed it to maintain its watch, even in the face of so many changes over the last 166 years. It's a rare opportunity to become immersed in the architecture of a bygone era.

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